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ELECTIONS

Section 1. General Election Laws : Except where otherwise provided herein, the general election laws of the State of Texas, insofar as applicable, shall control all elections, general and special, held by the City of Arlington.

Section 2. Mayor and City Council Members, Date of Election, Filing Fees : All regular elections for Mayor and City Council members shall be held on such date as is prescribed by State law or City ordinance not in conflict therewith. The Mayor and Council members for Districts 3, 4, 5 and 8 shall be elected in odd numbered years, and the Council members for Districts 1, 2, 6 and 7 shall be elected in even numbered years. The City Council shall have the power to call such special elections as they shall deem proper. Candidates for such offices shall pay such filing fee as may be set by appropriate ordinance of the City Council. (Adopted by Charter Amendment, November 2, 1993)

Section 3. Order of Election : All election procedures for the City of Arlington shall be as governed by the laws of the State of Texas for municipal elections, and as provided by City ordinance not in conflict therewith. (Adopted by Charter Amendment, April 3, 1982)

Section 4. Polling Places : The City Hall is hereby designated as the polling place at which all City elections shall be held until otherwise provided by ordinance. The board of City Councilmen may, from time to time, create and designate such polling places within the City as may be considered proper; provided, that in all elections general and special there shall be only one polling place for any one election, which shall be at the City Hall, until additional polling places shall be created and designated by the City Councilmen.

Section 5. Qualified Voters : Every person residing in the City of Arlington, who is a qualified elector under the laws of the State of Texas shall be entitled to vote for the Mayor and for the Council members elected from Districts 6, 7 and 8. Every person residing within each of the Single Member Districts who is a qualified elector under the laws

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of the State of Texas shall be entitled to vote in either District 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, respectively, according to the elector's residence. (Adopted by Charter Amendment, November 2, 1993.)

Section 6. Form of Ballot and Number of Votes : In all elections, the vote shall be by official ballot. At the top of the official ballot shall be printed in large letters the words: "OFFICIAL BALLOT". It shall contain a statement of the title of the offices to be filled as such election and the printed names of all candidates for each office in such order as is required by State law or City ordinance. Each qualified voter shall be entitled to only one (1) vote for each office to be filled. No ballot shall be counted at any election unless prepared in accordance with the requirements of this section. (Adopted by Charter Amendment, April 5, 1980)